

# State of South Dakota

## NINETY-THIRD SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2018

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SENATE BILL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

Introduced by: \_\_\_\_\_

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to require the State Board of Elections to convene citizen  
2 review panels for certain ballot measures and to provide comments.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That chapter 12-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

5 The State Board of Elections shall convene a panel of registered voters, chosen pursuant to  
6 rules promulgated by the board under chapter 1-26, to review and evaluate each measure  
7 certified for placement on the ballot pursuant to § 2-1-17. Each panel shall conduct a public  
8 hearing chaired by a member of the board to receive testimony from proponents and opponents  
9 of each measure under evaluation.

10 Section 2. That chapter 12-1 be amended by adding a NEW SECTION to read:

11 Not later than a date set by the secretary of state pursuant to rule promulgated under chapter  
12 1-26, each panel convened pursuant to section 1 of this Act shall prepare and file with the  
13 secretary of state a statement in favor of and a statement in opposition to the measure evaluated  
14 by the panel. Each statement may not exceed two hundred fifty words. The secretary of state  
15 shall publish each statement under this section on the website maintained by the secretary of  
16 state.

